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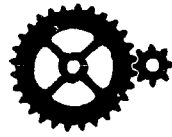
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## "MAC"

"Mac," chief engineer of the Ohio State University, has completed 50 years of active service. William C. McCracken, known to everyone as "Mac," was paid homage by more than 200 members of the faculty and administrative force of the University, at a dinner in his honor, on December 1, 1936, the anniversary of his fiftieth year of employment.

When "Mac" came to serve Ohio State University in 1896 this institution was in its initial stage of development. While the expansion program for building was under way, there was no definite guiding hand behind it. "Mac" came in at this time, and with the cooperation of the faculty and administrative force, was able to make remarkable progress. There were many and numerous problems in all of the preliminary set-ups and conditions for "Mac" to solve, and all of his decisions could not have been made successfully, if he had not had an alertness to duty and a definite will.

Under President Rightmire his duty has been realized. While his work, at present, seems to be largely that of controlling maintenance affairs, we do know that his expansion program still exists and is being developed.

"Mac" has shown himself to be a faithful servant to Ohio State University; he has always remained the center of the efficiency in his division, and has consequently been a source of inspiration for all engineering students.

In the February, 1928, issue of the *Ohio State University Monthly*, Dean Emeritus Hitchcock paid high tribute to "Mac" on his excellent work. At this time he was placed in the capacity of chief engineer on the campus. He may be classed as the pioneer of improvement, and he is responsible for the maintenance of these improvements, for improvement and maintenance are his main objectives.

Sincerely, "Mac," we salute you for your excellent record.

KEN BECKER.

## The Industrial Research Conferences

The fact that a conference on industrial research was sponsored by the Ohio State University last month is no

longer news. It has been publicized in newspapers and magazines throughout the nation.

Its purpose was to establish a firm spirit of cooperation between the industrial research department of the University and the industries of Ohio. The accomplishment of this purpose will be of lasting value to society in general, as well as to the groups immediately concerned; everyone depends on the achievements of cooperative research for a greater fullness of life.

Research has been carried on at the University for a number of years but it has always been limited in financial resources. The new program will be of valuable assistance in alleviating this situation.

President Rightmire stated in his address to the conference that ever since the University started as the Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College, one of its major purposes as a land grant college has been to serve the state's agricultural and industrial enterprise.

Mr. Charles F. Kettering, a graduate of the College of Engineering in 1904, delivered the principal address. While his talk was encouraging, he stated that industry could not launch on a research program with the thought of obtaining immediate, profitable results.

Professor Hurlbut S. Jacoby, director of industrial research at the University, Mr. Charles F. Michael, president of the Ohio Manufacturers' Association, and all of those who worked to make the conference a success, deserve to be congratulated.

There were approximately two hundred and fifty leading industrialists from all points of the state present. The inspection trips to the various laboratories, the meetings, and the banquet were attended by almost everyone. The general good feeling and enthusiasm manifested throughout the conference were gratifying to those responsible for it.

Plans were made to have these meetings each year and to establish a foundation for cooperative research at the University. The established association between the commercial, practical industrialist and the technical, academic research men and faculty members will be of extensive service and mutual benefit in the future.

J. L. K.